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# **House Rejects Democrat Plan** For Tax Slash

Doughton Asks G.O.P. To Pare Down Bill To Hurdle Veto

BULLETIN

The House rejected today a Democratic substitute for the GOP \$6,500,000,000 tax redu tion bill.

By J. A. O'Leary

Representative Doughton, Democrat, of North Carolina told House Republicans today that if law "with or without the President's sanction."

The ranking minority member of the tax-drafting Ways and Means Committee flatly predicted the Republican bill, which the House is due U. S. Mission in Iran Forced Liquidation to pass this afternoon, could not to pass this afternoon, could not become law over a veto.

At the same time, he expressed doubt that the substitute to be offered by Democratic leaders could become law, either. The substitute become law, either. The substitute Russia Declares in tax cuts, but offsets it by reviving a modified excess profits tax on corporations that would raise \$3,200,000,000

Democratic Support Implied. Mr. Doughton called for a "moderate" over-all tax cut. His statement was in effect a promise that enough Democrats will join the Reeven if President Truman disap-

He spoke shortly before a vote would send the Republican taxwith House approval.

Chairman Knutson of the Ways and activities of the American military Means Committee, would: Raise the mission in Iran. per capita personal exemption from \$500 to \$600; allow married couples infringed on the freedom of mereverywhere to split their incomes, a chant shipping, while the activities privilege now confined to 12 com- of the United States military mismunity property States; gives every sion in Iran are called threats to the individual a rate cut, ranging from Soviet frontier. The Russians want 30 per cent in the lower brackets to both activities stopped, the broad-

bills for the administration when the Democrats were in control, defended his own "middle-of-the- projected reopening of Mellaha Airroad" plan, which would cost be- field in North Africa and about the ween \$4,000,000,000 and \$4,250,000. 000. It would give the same \$100 increase in personal exemption, and income-splitting privilege for ir ried couples, but would cut the Knutson percentage reductions in half, making the rates from 15 to

5 per cent, Sees Debt Cut Possible. Under such a bill, he said, there would still be \$1,500,000,000 for payment on the public debt, even if Congress makes no cut in President Truman's budget for next year.

"In my judgment, such a bill would become law with or without the President's sanction," Mr. Doughton continued.

There are two ways by which a bill could become law without the President's approval. Congress could override a veto by two-thirds vote of both Houses, or the President could let bill to become law without

Representative Mills, Democrat, of Arkansas opened the final round of debate today by insisting the Republicans underestimate the cost of their bill. He said it would cut taxes by \$7,000,000,000, and threaten

deficit spending next year. Mr. Mills admitted the Democratic plan to re-impose an excess profits tax is controversial, but told colleagues who are "concerned" over presence of American warships in of the total would go for goods toward Moslems. this step that it is less drastic than Italian ports. The Russians said (See TAXES, Page A-6.)

# Lt. Gen. Leslie R. Groves,

Lt. Gen. Leslie R. Groves, war-

effective February 29. ment today, but said it has no in- ping. formation on Gen. Grove's future

Gen. Groves was head of the dispatch, said Russia sent a note Maj. Clare J. Sheelar, co-pilot Manhattan Project, supersecret to American Ambassador Walter B. Breckenridge, Minn. agency that developed the first atom Smith last Friday demanding that

After development of atomic en- to stop the actions, which produced ergy was turned over to a civilian "legitimate resentment on the part radio operator, Lesterville, Mo. commission, Gen. Groves was named of crews and pasengers of Soviet chief of the armed forces special steamers.'

# Trade Pact With Italy

Bans Censorship

day signed a new commercial treaty, shipping of other countries." including a promise by each to allow "freedom of information." That clause says Italians in the United States and Americans in Italy will be free to write, report and send news without censorship.

It is the first time there has been such a clause in any American treaty with a European nation. The treaty replaces a pact of "friendship, commerce and navigation" made in 1871 but set aside

during Mussolini's regime. In general, citizens of each country are granted equal rights in commercial and legal activities. The treaty will become effective

when the United States Senate and a special committee of Italy's Chamber of Deputies ratifies it The treaty was signed in Rome by American Ambassador James C.

Dunn and Count Carlo Sforza, Italian foreign minister.

Each country reserves full rights to control import and export of fis-

sionable materials—the source of atomic bombs and power. Each also reserves the right to control traffic in "arms, ammunition and implements of war.'

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## New Cold Wave Moves on D. C.; Nehru Pledges Groundhog Sees His Shadow

Temperature Goes Above Freezing Mark, But Respite Is Scheduled to Be Brief

ing directly for the city Saturday

was as close as 100 miles south-

mercury dipped to 1 above zero.

of the secondary roads were open.

The deepest recorded snowfall was

(See WEATHER, Page A-6.)

Opposed by Council

Advisory Group Votes

Sums Blocked Here

by French citizens.

tion to receiving such aid.'

their international trade.

off even more is possible.

ginning April 1.

They are:

Bridges Would Cut Sum.

(See FOREIGN AID, Page A-6.)

FRANKFURT, Germany, Feb. 2

First Lt. Robert L. Kelley, pilot

First Lt. Jack H. Ellis, navigator.

T/Sergt. William L. McKibbin

had been blocked during the war.

He said about \$2,300,000,000 repre-

sents holdings of British citizens.

To Let Custodian Have

By the Associated Press

The National Advisory Council

The groundhog and Weather the last 11 days. The low today was Bureau saw eye to eye today, at 17 degrees at 6:44 a.m. least as to Washington's imme- A weather disturbance just south of Washington diverted to sea a diate weather prospects. heavy snowstorm which was head-

Led from his cage for the benefit of photographers, the Zoo's ground-night. The storm early yesterday hog took a long squint at his shadow illumined by a bright sun and, ac- west of the District, depositing 14 siege of six more weeks of winter.

Shying away from superstition, tions in southern regions of the degrees in the city and 15 in the at least 27 of Virginia's 100 counties suburbs tonight, followed by near and in at least 19 cities to be closed freezing tomorrow and 12 to 15 de- today. grees temperature tomorrow night.

The forecaster based his prediction corded at Harrisonburg, where the their \$6,500,000,000 tax-reduction on a new cold wave moving from bill were trimmed down to about the Midwest. Although it appeared \$4,000,000,000 it would become to pack less authority than some of its predecessors, the cold blast looked capable of keeping Washington bundled up for at least two days. Defying the groundhog's dictum

# Threatens Frontier,

Complaint Also Is Filed Against Flights Over Soviet Ships Off Japan

LONDON, Feb. 2.—Russia has publicans to make some tax cut law filed two more complaints against today opposed any forced liquidthe United States, the Moscow ation of \$4,300,000,000 of assets radio reported today. That held in this country by citizens which, it was taken for granted, makes four in less than a week. of European nations which are hunted for a gang accused of plot-The latest protests, the broad- in line for Marshall Plan aid. cutting measure along to the Senate casts said, concern the flights of American bombers over Soviet ship- said the council had voted to turn The Republican bill, sponsored by ping in Japanese waters and the

> The bomber flights, the radio said, cast said.

Mr. Doughton, who handled tax
Treaty Violations Chairs.
The first two protests, announced

#### U. S. Rejects Protests By Reds on Warship Calls at Italian Ports

The United States today rejected outright Russia's protest against the visits of American warships to Italian ports. A State Department note said the Italian government granted advance permission for each visit. It said the calls were "in strict accord with the comity of

nations. Russia charged in a note delivered Wednesday by Ambassador Alexander S. Panyushkin that the presence of American warships in Italian ports vio lated the new peace treaty with Italy which required withdrawal of all Allied armed forces by

last December 15. The State Department delayed a reply to an earlier Moscow protest against restoring an American-built air field at Mellaha in Italy's former North African colony of

both those things were violations of

Now the Russian Ministry of For- U. S. Lists B-17 Crewmen the Italian peace treaty. eign Affairs has demanded that American bombers stop flying over Killed in French Crash Army Atom Chief, to Retire and inspecting Soviet shipping in the Yellow Sea and the Sea of Ja-

pan, the Moscow radio said. The protest note said the bombtime boss of the Army's atom bomb ers circled low and sometimes dived announced the names of nine perproject, has applied for retirement on Russian ships and that such sons killed in the crash of a B-17 actions constituted "infrngements Flying Fortress on a rescue mission The Army made the announce- on the freedom of merchant ship- near Digne, France, Friday.

Note Sent to Ambassador. The broadcast, quoting a Tass Louisville, Ky. the necessary instructions be issued Wilmington, N. C.

The broadcast called the flights Tuckahoe, N. Y. rude attempts of the American authorities at establishing their chester, N. H. control of shipping in the Yellow Sea and the Sea of Japan, far beyond their territorial waters." It said the flights could be regarded only as "manifestations of their ut" ter unwillingness to reckon with the The United States and Italy to- legitimate interests of the merchant

cast said. Soviet Ambassador Ivan (See RUSSIAN, Page A-6.)

## WhattheRussians Are Saying of Us

The Moscow radio, broadcasting

in Finnish to Finland, said: The Mediterranean plans of the United States imperialists have now been clearly revealed. The United States at present strives to implement that strategic scheme which was much talked about and lauded in the United States directly after the

second World War. 'According to these plans, the Mediterranean is to become a Mare Americanum controlled by the United States Navy and supported by bases. These bases belong to the so-called world-encircling United States system of bases in the strategic zone which extends from the Panama Canal to the Azores and further to Saudi Arabia.'

## He Will Restore FUEL OIL situation in District con-tinues grave. Page B-1 moved up over the freezing mark this afternoon for the second time in

Gang Hunted in Plot Against Lives of 3 High Officials

By the Associated Press

NEW DELHI, Feb. 2.-Prime cording to tradition, retreated for a inches of snow at Gordonsville, Va. Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Neh-Reaching near-blizzard proporru told the Indian Constituent the Weather Bureau studied its State, the snow blocked transpor- Assembly today that he accepted charts and predicted a low of 24 tation and caused public schools in the restoration of peace in this troubled land as an issue on which his government would The lowest temperature was re- stand or fall.

"If we don't do that, we are not Primary highways were open to- worth being in this government: day, police reported, and 85 per cent certainly not of being his (Mohandas K. Gandhi's) followers or even 15 inches at Southhill, Emporia and saying words of praise for this great soul." Mr. Nehru said. "I have a sense of utter shame

as an individual and as the head of the government that we should have failed to protect the greatest Of Europeans' Assets treasure we possess." In swift implementation of Mr. Nehru's stand for peace, the Home Ministry issued a communique abol-

ishing private armies and "any organization preaching violence or communal heatred." Meanwhile, on the banks of the Jumna, the ashes of the assassinated Gandhi were reverently collected and prepared for scattering on waters sacred to orthodox Hin-

duism. A crowd of 5,000 quietly

watched the sifting of the ashes. Gang of Plotters Hunted. Officials of the Indian Union ting to send three high officials of Secretary of the Treasury Snyder the dominion to their deaths with

over to the Alien Proptrty Custodian Gandhi. Mr. Nehru, who had just returned been attending here tuition free. know how many of the pupils \$1,100,000,000 in blocked assets. from the services beside the Jumna. About \$350,000,000 of this is held had to pause at times as he spoke to the assembly at a memorial serv-In a report Mr. Snyder told the ice for Gandhi. He was barely able Senate Foreign Relations Committee to control his tears and sobbing. the council believes it would not be

wise "to force countries likely to receive financial aid from the United the isolated act of a madman," he straining order against such action States to liquidate the private hold- told the hushed assembly, which is in their cases. jointly the constitution-writing and ings of their nationals as a condilegislative branch of the new In-Such a course had ben suggested dian government. Gandhiji is the in debate on the recovery program. affectionate, diminutive form of the name.

Favors Aiding Governments. ever, favors aiding the governments mosphere of violence and hatred act, believing this would exempt apply to those nonresident pupils concerned in converting these that has prevailed in the country for them. holdings into dollars to help them in many months and years, especially the past few months. Mr. Snyder described the \$4,300,-

Must Halt Violence. 000,000 as "free assets." which never Gandhiji put before us we have to tion's top policy group on interna- evil of hatred and violence from the Treasury and Commerce, and the selves.

chairmen of the Federal Reserve "I assure you on behalf of the Board and the Export-Import Bank. government of India that we will The report came as Congress ap- spare no means, no effort to do peared to be getting ready to cut that. If we don't do that we are \$800,000,000 off the starting cost of not worth being in the governthe Marshall Plan. A fight to chop ment \* \* \*."

Hindu was set against Hindu by Gandhi's assassination and by word Chairman Bridges of the Senate of the conspiracy, both laid to those Appropriations Committee said ad- of his own faith. Unofficial estiappropriations Committee said administration figures have convinced mates were that at least 50 had

Name of the pany's refusal to transport a supplies and equipment this year intended to serve farmers will be him there is no need to appropriate been slain in rioting since the pistol the full \$6,800,000,000 asked by Pres- killing of the 78-year-old patriot Bob-Lo Island, Ontario, violated intended to be spent for direct of making the system of meat con-

ident Truman. That is the amount Friday night. Home Minister Sardar Vallabhai sought for the first 15 months be-Patel told correspondents last night that he, Prime Minister Nehru and Senator Bridges cited testimony Education Minister Maulana Abul by State Department officials before the Senate Foreign Relations Com- Kalam Azad had been marked for act mittee last week about \$800,000,000 murder by a group decrying leniency

Trouble was reported over the receipt or color. plot spread. Rifle fire was heard. ganization). Gandhi's accused as- majority. -The United States Forces today sassin was reported by police to belong to the party. In Bombay Prov-

Arrests Being Made.

forcement officer and so-called trastate commerce. "iron man" of Mr. Nehru's Congress (See INDIA, Page A-3.)

#### Hearing on GSI Strike First Lt. M. J. Cassner, jr., air force public information officer,

S/Sergt. George L. Prince, Man-Sergt. Jack L. Roush, Sunbury, Pa Corpl. Peter J. Misciagna, pho-Corpl. Carroll Sprague, photog-(Earlier Story on Page B-1.)

## hipping of other countries." Truman Sees Political Advisers On Plans for Speaking Tour

By Joseph A. Fox

tographer, New York City.

President Truman talked with top speaking tour in the late spring and man has been asked by various

"The whole itinerary is in the making," Senator Lucas, Democrat, a reporter asked. of Illinois told reporters after he had followed Senator McGrath of man responded.

into the President's office. dress the opening ceremonies of a month-long observance commemo-Middle West.

consideration. Senator McGrath said he and

speeches. "Before or after the convention? "From here on out." the chair-

Democratic National Committee, cisions were reached. He smilingly Appeals. ture of his chances for another four Court vacancy. ating the centennial of the arrival years in the White House when f the first Swedish settlers in the Representative Spence, Democrat, nounced last week.

political advisers today on dates for the President were "combing over what may develop into a major invitations," adding that Mr. Tru-

President Truman today asked Rhode Island, chairman of the Senator McGrath said no de- Lawrence Groner of the Court of

The appointments

Chief Justice Groner has gone so-called "suspension act" did not go to the jury," the court ruled that would be attached to the pound Mr. Spence said he told the to Tucson, Ariz., for a long rest, his apply in nine offenses charged the error was not prejudicial to the sterling. that date would fit into the Presi- President "he was galloping in office said today. His future plans against Marzani which occurred in

Of 138 Non-Resident Pupils Fought by CIO; AFL Court Order Delays Action on 37 Others Asks Separate Agency In Dispute Over Payment of Tuition Price Curb Must Be Part School Supt. Hobart M. Corn- and Dr. Corning said he merely was ing today sent school principals following the law in sending out the Of Effective Program, notices to expel 138 students liv- dismissal notices. He said he would

Dr. Corning said he had not sent affected had reported for classes tonotices covering 37 such stu- day, the beginning of the second dents who had been attending semester. He explained principals Woodrow Wilson High School be- had made no check on this and "Gandhiji's assassination is not with notice of a temporary re- ceived the dismissal notices.

Supt. Corning Orders Expulsion Meat Rationing Plan

not been made enrolled before last he said.

July 25, the effective date of the The tuition requirement does not fectively (See TUITION, Page A-6.)

Agency Had to Use Fund

By George Beveridge

brought up after Dr. Paul B. Mag-

Much of Surplus Unsusable.

## Counsel held them liable, however, "If we are to serve the cause that Supreme Court Backs VA Forced to Divert the council is the administra- struggle against it and root out this State Civil Rights Law 13 Million to Replace tional financial problems. It includes the Secretaries of State, country and from our individual In Canada Ship Case Surplus Equipment

veterans.

we need.

Upholds Conviction, 7-2, Of Michigan Firm for Negro Passenger Bar

The Supreme Court ruled, 7-2, Michigan's civil rights law.

is engaged in foreign commerce it day. should not be subject to the State's

The act requires public convey ances to provide equal accommoda-Mobs formed in this city today tions to all customers, and prohibits when reports of the assassination discrimination because of race.

Justice Rutledge wrote the majorweek end from Bombay and Mad- ity opinion. Justice Jackson wrote ras Provinces far to the south. Mobs a dissent in which Chief Justice attacked members of the militant Vinson concurred. Justice Douglas Hindu Mahasabha (great Hindu or- wrote an opinion agreeing with the

Woman Refused Passage. The steamship line, the Bob-Lo become of an additional \$20,000,000 ince, some 50 were estimated un- Steamship Co., appealed to the which Congress appropriated in this officially to have been killed and Supreme Court after the Michigan fiscal year for added medical service.

Supreme Court ruled that the Dr. Magnuson said that "so far as of the General Federation of Wom- to the home rule features of the State's Civil Rights Act applies to I know, we did not get it." Mr. Patel, India's chief law en- foreign commerce as well as to in- Dr. H. A. Press, a VA budget of-Party, told correspondents the con-fused passage to Sarah Ray after amount was used to buy medical

she had boarded a boat at Detroit. supplies and hospital equipment. He She was tendered a refund of the said VA had obtained about that step in the right direction" to meet Senator Ball, Republican, of Minprice of her ticket, but refused to amount of supplies on an earlier the danger of serious meat shortages nesota, head of the Senate Home accept the money. The company surplus arrangement from the Army in the spring. said it had adopted a policy of not and Navy, but that the surplus Delayed Till Tonight

A House Labor subcommittee hearing on the Government Serv
accepting Negroes as passengers.

Justice Rutledge said the Supermed Court need consider only the "narrow question" of whether the testified VA tried to list considerable.

Earlier Senator Flanders, Republican, of Vermont, subcommittee home rule here might be financially ruinous if residents without full body reporters he wanted to find out District tax liability were permitted ices. Inc., cafeteria strike was post- Michigan courts correctly held that, \$13,000,000 needed to buy the sup-

"narrow question" of whether the testified, VA tried to list specifically just where the administration stands. to vote. poned until 7 o'clock tonight because under the commerce clause of the plies. of the House debate this afternoon Federal Constitution, the State was "But the Budget Bureau told us Charles F. Brannan to ask about Lo Co.'s conviction.

The commerce clause prohibits interference with traffic across State

Jackson Sees Standard Lacking. Justice Rutledge said the high ourt majority agreed with the But Court Rules Out 9 Counts the engagement, but has it under Michigan courts that the Constitu-(See COURT, Page A-5.)

# And Proctor Go to Senate

the Senate to approve two shifts in the courts here growing out of the retirement of Chief Justice D munist Party activities.

with the President about a request political campaign tour" when the the Appellate Court to be Chief itations. that he go to Chicago June 4 to ad- invitations were under discussion. Justice and Justice James M. Proc-Mr. Truman got an optimistic pic- tor of District Court for the Appeals to three years in prison stands under While the and

dent's plans, he said. -Mr. Truman front and I didn't think anyone had may not be known until he returns 1942 and 1943. The so-called "susis uncertain whether he can accept a remote chance to catch him." here in April, it was added. pension act" suspends the statute of

ing outside the District who have be "subject to censure" if he did not. **UAW Official Asserts** By Malcolm Lamborne, Jr. A CIO spokesman told a Senate Banking Subcommittee today that the labor organization will trict resident. cause he had been served today would not do so until they had re- not support a stand-by meat ra- 5. Declared that as to "clean and

would notify the pupils as soon as control prices." Payment of tuition is required of they got the official notices from his Don Montgomery, legislative di- ganizational setup "only mediocre." non-resident students by the 1948 office. The 138 pupils are dis- rector of the United Automobile Approve Single District Committee. District Appropriations Act. The tributed largely among Western. Workers (CIO), testified that price 6. Approved the proposal for crea-175 pupils for whom payments have Coolidge and Central High Schools. control must be a part of any ra- tion of a single joint House-Senate

who had been attending school tui- dent Truman's stand that, when istrative responsibilities in a city A ruling of the Corporation tion-free last year under exemp- meat rationing becomes necessary, it manager if an elected council is

> ing the AFL, call for an independrather than the Agriculture Departfrom internal or political pressures." Opposes Secretary as Director.

stand on this issue, Mr. Montgomery closs, Republican, of New Jersey, Official Tells House Group commented that "I do not think the head of the Home Rule Subcommit-Secretary of Agriculture is the tee of the House District Comman to bring prices down."

The Veterans' Administration testified: "I fear that its (Agri- ern city government to Washingtoday that a steamship com- has been forced to buy medical culture) standing as an agency ton. Negro woman from Detroit to with \$13,000,000 which Congress endangered by its dynamic function

medical service to veterans, offi-Representative Javits, Republi-The court disagreed with the com- cials of the agency told the can, of New York challenged critics pany's contention that, because it House Veterans' Committee to- of the stand-by meat rationing measures "to come forward with Chairman Edith Nourse Rogers one of their own." termed the expenditure "the greatest subcommittee is holding hearings fraud ever perpetrated on service to on a bill introduced by Senator Flanders, Republican, of Vermont. The question of what is happening Mr. Javits is author of a similar

to the current VA appropriation was House bill. "It is right to critically examine nuson, new VA medical chief, told our plan, but to object to our prothe committee the appropriation gram and to present no alternative "comes nowhere near the amount is, I believe, untenable," Mr. Javits, who was called as a witness by Senator Flanders, declared. "This the Auchincloss plan, the New is just tying the hands of urban Yorker said taxation without repre-Mrs. Rogers then asked what has is just typing any effort to help them-

Urges Price Measures.

many millions of our people.' She termed the Flanders bill "a financing generally.

Earlier Senator Flanders, Repub- Commissioners' philosophy

Accordingly, he plans to recall Assistant Secretary of Agriculture

#### on the income tax deduction bill. not prohibited from applying its we would have to knock out that reported differences within the Civil Rights Act to uphold the Bob- request because we had already ob- Government over the need of ra-(See VETERANS, Page A-6.) Marzani Conviction Affirmed,

EISLER MOTION for new trial is limitations in offenses involving de-

affirmed the District Court con- not involve fraud.

the Appeals Court decision.

Page A-2 frauding or attempting to defraud for losses attributed to devalua-The Court of Appeals today offenses charged against Marzani did These reports sai

viction of Carl Aldo Marzani, 35, The two counts on which the court former State Department em- held Marzani was properly convicted devaluation of last month and of ploye, on charges of making false held that he had "on or about June 1944. statements concerning his Com- 1, 1946, falsely represented to his The appellate court, however, in the course of an official inquiry rency from the franc and instructed threw out 9 of the 11 counts on into his fitness for retention in the its representatives in Paris to break shrugged aside a question as to The President nominated Associ- which he was convicted, ruling Government service that he had off negotiations for a new currency Senator Lucas talked specifically whether he was talking about "a ate Justice Harold M. Stephens of them barred by the statute of lim-Marzani's sentence of from one used the name or been known as the government intends to create a

The ruling, written by Justice E. error to permit the first nine counts icy." Barrett Prettyman, held that the to remain in the indictment and to denials that the Syrian currency

(See MARZANI, Page A-6.)

# **Home Rule Plan** Opposed in Part By District Heads

Joint Hearing Opens; Commissioners Back Reorganization Idea

(Pictures on Page B-1.)

By Don S. Warren

The Commissioners today registered solid indorsement of the proposed streamlined reorganization of the District government, but classed as "potentially dangerous" the home rule provisions of the city suffrage bill.

Testifying at the opening of the

joint House-Senate hearings on the

Auchincloss-Ball measure, Commissioner John Russell Young, speaking for the Board of Commissioners: 1. Questioned the constitutionality of the proposal to let legislation initiated by an elected city council

ecome law if not vetoed by the House or Senate or the President. 2. Agreed that as a matter of principle and the "traditional heritage" of every American, residents of the District should have home rule, but struck hard at provisions letting residents who maintain legal domicile in the States and escape the District income levy, vote here and serve on the council, or be elected

to the Board of Education.

Warn of Potential Financial Ruin. 3. Warned that residents with legal domicile elsewhere might be numerous enough to "swing" District elections and, through council votes, launch bonded debt projects for which they had no full taxpayer responsibility that might eventually oring financial ruin on the city.

4. Called on Congress, as a step preceding any grant of home rule, to apply full District taxpayer responsibilities to all given District voting rights. They said they would not deny the District franchise to residents domiciled "back home" but would let them vote here only if they had the same taxpayer responsibilities as the bona fide Dis-

tioning bill because "we don't honest" government, the District He added the principals probably believe it will ration meat or stood at or near the top among American cities but called its or-

tioning measure if it is to work ef- District Committee, as a time-saver for both Congress an This is along the lines of Presi- and okayed the placing of adminshould be coupled with price con- set up. If the commission form is retained and the sprawling city At the same time, the subcommit- agancies streamlined into 12 detee heard Boris Shiskin, represent- partments, they added, the expanded work load on the Coment agency to administer rationing, missioners also might suggest the

need of a chief executive officer. ment, "so as to be completely free | More than 100 persons were in the caucus room of the House Office Building when the hearing was While not taking any positive opened by Representative Auchin-

Slated for Medical Service An earlier witness today. Dr. he described the pending bill as a Dewey Anderson, executive director he described the pending bill as a property of the right direction. of the Public Affairs Institute, also "long step" in the right direction'

Powell Supports Plan.

The first witness was Representative Powell, Democrat, of New York. He told the joint committee it was travesty here to see streetcar placards saying "freedom is everybody's business.

Placing himself squarely behind Hearing on WMAL The Star's radio station. WMAL, will broadcast a half hour's transcribed proceedings

of the Auchincloss home rule

bill hearing tonight from 9:30

sentation here was as intolerable a situation as that which provoked

the Boston Tea Party. Mrs. J. L. Blair Buck, president Opposition by the Commissioners en's Clubs, told the committee that District charter bill brought both Dr. H. A. Press, a VA budget of-ficial, then disclosed publicly for the alleviate the very real distress that bers of the Joint Committee and The company in June, 1945, re- first time that \$13,000,000 of the high cost of living is visiting on provoked rapid-fire debate over the District's income tax and city

Rule Subcommittee, challenged the

"If you carry out that argument,"

### (See HOME RULE, Page A-6.) Syria May Sue France For Currency Losses

DAMASCUS, Syria, Feb. 2 .- The today to be considering suing France

These reports said such a suit. if filed, would be brought in the International Court of Justice at The Hague and would involve the

The government yesterday ansuperior in the State Department, nounced separation of Syrian cur-

The official announcement said purely national currency backed by While the opinion held "it was an "a healthy export and import pol-There were authoritative

The government said the rate of The appellate court said that 8.83 Syrian pounds to one pound sterling would be maintained.